

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

9:15 AM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Conference Room "F", Second Floor

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Investigations Update
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ethics Presentation
Stacy Owens, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office
- A. License Reinstatement Review - Carol Bringham, OD.
Debbie Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health
- B. Request for Continuing Education Program approval
Connecticut Visual Health Center

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

ADJOURN

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on February 27, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room F on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward F. Pinn, O.D., Chairman
 Leora Berns, O.D.
 Neil Malkin, O.D.
 Henry W. Siegrist
 John Sienko, O.D.
 Patricia Henrietta Simmons

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Van Stone

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
 Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
 Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Pinn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Malkin was welcomed to his first meeting as a Board member.

I. MINUTES – November 7, 2007

The minutes of November 7, 2007 were reviewed. Dr. Berns made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sienko, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported that there are four cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. 3 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

B. Continuing Education

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, Department of Public Health provided the Board with draft regulations pertaining to Continuing education. The Board reviewed the draft. Suggested edits will be provided to the Department of Public Health. These regulations would be effective one year from the date noticed in the Connecticut Law Journal

Ms. Filippone also reported that legislation might be raised during the current legislative session that would increase the term for Board members from eight years to twelve years.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Board member duties and responsibilities

Governor M. Jodi Rell sent a letter to the chairs of all Department of Public Health Boards and Commissions asking that Board members be reminded of their statutory duties and responsibilities. Mr. Kardys reported that pertinent statutes have been distributed to all Board members.

Mr. Kardys reported that the Governor's office has directed all Board and Commission members to undergo ethics training. The Department of Public Health Ethics Officer will be providing this training to all DPH Boards and Commissions. Dr. Pinn requested that this presentation be made at the May 2008 meeting.

III. ADJOURN

Dr. Berns made a motion, seconded by Ms. Simmons, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sienko, O.D.
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists